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# Activities for everyone at annual Friendship Festival



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Jim Yorfido, from New Kid in Town, an Eagles Tribute band, performing at the Friendship Festival on Canada Day.

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# Feelings about the Festival

**Kris Dubé**  
Fort Erie Times

The Friendship Festival has come and gone for another year.

The 26th annual celebration of peace between Canada and the U.S. unfolded with favourable weather conditions for all four days, allowing visitors to browse stalls, go on carnival rides, be entertained by street performers and almost 100 bands, at Fort Erie's signature event.

Debbie Fleming said the festival's organizers and volunteers should be commended for their efforts and that she especially enjoyed the fireworks.

"It's what makes it and we made it enjoyable," she said.

Sue Mitchell said the four-day event was better than what she expected.

"Considering the lack of funding the festival now receives, I was impressed," said Mitchell.

Sarah Ritchie said she found some of the activities at the festival to be a little expensive, but she wasn't complaining.

"It's worth every penny to see my daughter's face light up with excitement and the excitement of the non-stop laughter as she went on the rides."

Paul Madden was impressed with the concert line-up and wanted to thank the festival's board member who was responsible for booking all the bands.

"It was a good effort all around and special thanks

to Al Annett, for his work with the music acts," said Madden.

Darcy Eade feels differently about the music roster. She feels having a mainstream recording artist that is popular across the country is the best way to go.

"You need at least one band that can draw a crowd. Having all local talent with one headliner makes me not want to go," she said.

There are many factors in deeming a festival a success, but concert attendance isn't one of them, says Flo Odding.

The Fort Erie Friendship Festival, general manager says it was either cut back on the amount of money spent on bringing in a headlining act or cancel the festival altogether.

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# Friendship Festival concert organizer 'thrilled' with turnout

Diverse local line-up makes up music roster

Kris Dubé  
Fort Erie Times

Although the concert series at this year's Friendship Festival was

scaled down from previous attempts, the board of directors member and organizer says it is the way to go.

Alan Annett, says in

**“I'm thrilled with how it turned out.”**

— Alan Annett

Annett, who couldn't give an exact figure of how much the concert series cost the festival.

"I'm thrilled with how it turned out," he said.

Annett says popular mainstream acts have an average price tag of about \$50,000 to set up on stage in Fort Erie and due to significantly lower bingo revenues compared to about a decade ago, there is no way the festival could take that route.

"There is no way this festival can afford them," he said.

On Friday night, Beatles tribute band the Caverners headlined the show and on Sunday, Great

Bloomers and New Kid in Town finished the evening and Annett said he is more than pleased with the large crowds that attended both nights.

"There was a great

amount of people," he said.

In his first year as the person responsible for booking bands, Annett said he was extremely content with the attitudes of all the bands, none of them strutting around backstage acting like arrogant rock stars.

"I'm impressed by how professional these bands are," he said.

Many signed autographs, posed for pictures and talked to fans about their music. It had a great community feel to it, said Annett.

"They just want to play," he said.

A wide array of genres were showcased this year ranging from Christian rock and metal, to world music, to folk and alternative.

"There were a lot of great bands."

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Local historian and collector Bob Fretz, right, speaks with interested people who visited his tent at the Friendship Festival, on Canada Day.

## Memories of Fort Erie come alive

**Kris Dubé**  
Fort Erie Times

Bob Fretz knows everything there is to know about Greater Fort Erie and its history.

The local historian and collector was on hand at the Friendship Festival last weekend, with several displays that highlight the past of the former Berlin Township and Greater Fort Erie.

He plans to attend future runs of the Friendship Festival expecting that each year he will bring various themes to his tables.

This year, gas stations, matchbooks, dairy bottles and other memorabilia were all features in a portion of his extensive collection.

"It took me about two months to go through my collection and make up the displays," he said.

Next year, he may pay tribute to police or the fire department through what he brings from home to to his stand at the festival.

Often, Fretz is approached by people who claim to be in possession of a historical piece related to Fort Erie's history and many times he believes what they are saying is true, but he does abide by one rule... there must be some kind of insignia on items that can verify its connection to the community.

"It has to have the name of the town on it," said Fretz.

It's more than just a hobby for him, it's a passion.

**There's only a few of us that collect this type of stuff."**

— Bob Fretz

He has been collecting a plethora of items for many years and is something he will continue to do for as long as he can.

"I'm always looking to trade and buy," said Fretz.

"There's only a few of us that collect this type of stuff," he added.

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# opinion page

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### our editorial

## Friendship Festival an event to be proud of

Regardless of what people's thoughts on the Friendship Festival were, the editorial staff at the Fort Erie Times looks at as a long weekend that we have to work, but it really doesn't feel like it.

Spending a handful of hours at the festival this past weekend was no sweat, other than the ridiculously humid weather that glazed the entire grounds of the event.

Thoughts about the concert line-up are provided in the editor's notebook you will read below, but this editorial isn't going to point fingers at all the people who get their kicks from complaining about anything they possibly can.

The Friendship Festival is a time of year where all local residents should take the time to be proud of where

they live.

Just because the bands that played are ones you haven't heard of, it doesn't mean the entire celebration was a failure.

Did any of these people walk through the midway and see all the great booths, which were actually reasonably priced?

Probably not.

The Friendship Festival is Fort Erie's signature event. It has been for 26 years and will continue to be for hopefully many more.

-Kris Dubé



## Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Mike Chicoski for identifying the sailors in last week's photo of the Parkway Sailing Club. From left to right are: Emil Schoonholzer and Fred

Batson, with the last man remaining unidentified.

We have a single clue written on the back of this week's photo: the name Pete Moran. If you can tell

us who he is, or recognize anyone else in the photo, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or email museum@forterie.on.ca.

## Quit complaining about concert line-up and face reality



### Kris Dubé Editor's Notebook

Another Friendship Festival has come and gone and like usual, it's the same two opinions from the community.

Food and rides being too expensive, bands people have never heard of making up the concert list, a Dixie cup of beer

for five dollars...there's the usual complaints.

I can see that there were probably a few disappointed children who threw temper tantrums because their parents only wanted to take them for one day of rides and food, as a second trip wasn't in the budget.

But what people need to realize is that the days of bands that cost close to \$100,000 to play an hour and a half worth of songs are long gone.

The last two years before this summer's celebration, organizers have found themselves with an ugly deficit after recruiting popular bands like Big Wreck, Big Sugar and Hedley, along with a few others.

It's just not in the cards anymore, as bingo revenues are nowhere near what they used to be.

Call me crazy, but I preferred this year's atmosphere far more than I have at the con-

certs that draw tens of thousands of people.

Having a Toronto-based band with a local frontman, Lowell Sostom from the Great Bloomers, was a great idea. Having them followed by one of Fort Erie's most renowned guitar teachers, Jim Yorlido, was another great idea. I'm only

speaking about the music on Canada Day, because that's the only night I attended.

The crowd was mod-

est and well-behaved and some local music was showcased, people who have a story in our community...not pompous rock stars who have never heard of us.

People should also consider the fact that the Town of Fort Erie doesn't contribute any financial support to the Friendship Festival, which also aids the festival committee's difficulty with bringing in the type of bands that will show up in a tour bus.

The community should be thankful that the Friendship Festival is still able to exist, thanks to so many volunteers and the hard work of so many people.

Keep up the good works folks, but maybe try to come up with a better choice when it comes to beer.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email to kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

## opinion page

# Cadets have important roles in local community

Cadet official responds to reader's letter from last week

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the comments in your opinion page in the June 30 edition from Jane Bonnell, from Buffalo, regarding the conduct of Navy Cadets at the Old Fort following the War of 1812 Parade.

Ms. Bonnell was wondering how she could possibly contact the "Governing Body" of this organization. Well, I am with the "governing body" and her letter has been brought to my attention.

I am a director on the board of directors, Navy League of Canada, Ontario Division.

I have also served as the acting chairman of Ontario Division as well.

Our job is to oversee all Navy and Sea Cadet Corps in Ontario and part of Manitoba. We deal with the National Department of Defence and the Department of Maritime Affairs on a daily basis.

We have been doing this in Canada since 1895, 15 years before there even was a Canadian Navy.

Across Canada, the Navy League is responsible for almost 20,000 Cadets in over 260 communities.

I know from experience that we are doing a great

job.

I am pretty sure I should be able to respond to her letter.

On behalf of the Ships Company of NLCC 139 "Revenge" of Mississauga, NLCC 138 "Drummond" of Niagara Falls, NLCC "Black Creek" of Fort Erie, RSCCC "Renown" of Port Colborne and RSCCC 103 "Niagara" of Niagara Falls, please accept our sincere apologies for interfering with your enjoyment of the War of 1812 celebrations.

I attended that event and I am aware that some of our Cadets did not sit quietly and listen to the speeches etc. The Cadets had just finished a four-kilometre parade, marching and carrying their drums and musical instruments, had their pizza and pop and were proud of their achievements.

They were feeling very excited and relieved that all their weeks of marching, drill, and band practice had finally paid off.

The many rounds of applause they had received along the parade route attested to that.

To them, this was a festive occasion for fireworks and bands and yes, for some of the 9 to 13 year-olds, they did not sit and listen quietly to the speeches.

As far as the supervisors and Officers not trying to settle the Cadets down, they did much more than just try to "shush" them.

I personally observed a branch member from Niagara speaking to the Cadets to quiet them down,

an officer from Mississauga pulled a Cadet to the rear and explained how to behave and an officer from Black Creek spoke to the Cadets numerous times to try to control their behaviour.

There was definitely an effort made by the Officers and Senior Cadets to try to calm them down.

You may perceive these kids as a noisy, boisterous, distracting bunch of charterboxes and you might be right in that assessment, but allow me to tell you a bit about these "blemishes" on our community.

Two of our former Navy Cadet graduates are now performing Search and Rescue with the Canadian Coast Guard, another is a fireman, yet another is an Instructor at Canadian Forces Base, Borden.

As well, a former cadet of ours has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan.

We have Cadets in the program now, while their parent is on active duty with our Canadian Forces. Mom takes pictures on her cell phone camera of her Cadet marching etc., and sends them to Dad while on duty.

The Cadet is definitely there when their parents want them to be. They are confident that their child is being well supervised and well trained.

We have a local Cadet who has been decorated for performing life-saving first aid to a stricken senior.

Another two Cadets surprised fire/rescue when they arrived on the scene of a child injured in the play-

ground and found them administering first aid.

Cadets have also spent an evening making signs for the "Save our Hospital" campaign and some attended the rally in Toronto. Believe me, I could go on and on.

Our community Cadet "blemishes" recently acted as an Honour Guard at the funeral of Mrs. Millie Wujek from the Black Creek Community Centre.

Not so long ago, our Navy Cadets also performed Honour Guard Services, along with members of the Canadian Forces, at the funeral of highly respected Lt. George Maurier, who tragically lost his life while transporting Cadets home from CFB Blackdown.

I can assure you that they acted with solemn dignity on those occasions and their efforts are much appreciated by the families.

Our community "blemishes" also exhibit the proper dignity and respect at the many Remembrance Day services they attend while laying a wreath each year in honour of our fallen veterans.

They do this at three different Legions in our immediate area, every year.

They spend many hours volunteering, fundraising and selling poppies for the Legion, so I hope you can understand that at times being kids, they just have to blow off a little steam.

By the way, did you happen to notice how they managed to remove their caps and all stand at attention during the playing of the



We try our best to guide, protect, nurture, educate and care for them. Their successes, whether great or small, are our successes and is the reward we get for our ongoing efforts."

— Murray Gault

would like to be around and I'm sorry for that.

We want these kids to have fun while they are learning and we know that they are a "work in progress" and may take quite a bit of time and patience, but our wish is to "let them be kids" for as long as they can still enjoy it.

Yes, unfortunately, as you say, "our Cadets could have acted better." We will continue to do so as we have done for many years, which is to try to turn out the best responsible Canadians we possibly can.

As former Defence Chief of Staff, General Rick Hillier (a former Army Cadet as well) said in his speech: "After watching all the Cadets in the parade today, I can promise you, our country's future is in good hands."

I fear your rather harsh letter to the editor has hurt these kids, their families, and the uniform that they are so proud of. They may feel that they have let the Corps, their officers and their community down.

I am truly sorry this incident occurred. We are supported solely by fundraising from the community and if people change their opinions about Cadets, the result may be that the kids' programs will suffer.

I hope that never happens.

Murray Gault  
Director  
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## Dollars aren't there anymore

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"We had the choice last year after 25 years to stop the festival altogether," says Odding of the four-day event which began Friday, June 30.

"Instead, we decided to get rid of our huge expense and try to bring more people in during the daytime. We're not going to cater to the drinkers and the high profile bands. That's not what we are anymore."

She continued by saying

"you can't expect the same event with a budget of \$240,000 compared to \$1 million," she says, adding lost bingo revenues have greatly impacted the festival's yearly budget.

The festival received \$40,000 from lottery revenues this year.

Just about a decade ago they were receiving close to \$850,000.

She says they receive no money from the Town of Fort Erie and rely on the donations and support from volunteers.

The festival did receive a

grant from the federal government of \$70,000, but that money covered the cost for the talent show, the powwow, and other daytime activities like the Celtic concert and the Ultimate Air Dogs Canada competition.

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Please direct any and all inquiries to Bart Menage, Manager Purchasing and Finance Services, [bmorange@town.forterie.on.ca](mailto:bmorange@town.forterie.on.ca)

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## O' Canada



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Patrick Long, also known as Smoky Joe, entertaining the crowd at the Fort Erie Racetrack's Tiki Bar on Canada Day.

 **Have you HEARD?**  
by Alana Hitler, M.C.Lib  
Registered Doctor in Audiology, Audiologist

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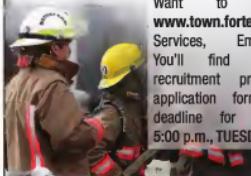
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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Twins Andrew and Kevin Susin, of Lakeshore Catholic High School, and Notre Dame student Anthony Frattaroli, with Lakeshore vice-principal Andrew Boon, Lakeshore principal Don DiLorenzo and Notre Dame principal Ralph DeFazio, present Brenda Henderson and her son Cameron with photo books showing the before and after work of a renovation project in their Fort Erie home.

## Lakeshore and Notre Dame students help local family in need

**Kris Dubé**  
Fort Erie Times

Students from Lakeshore Catholic High School (LCHS) and Notre Dame College School have been in Fort Erie for the last two months, earning marks for graduation and helping a local family at the same time.

About 12 students, between both Catholic High



I feel like we're the luckiest people in the world."

— Brenda Henderson

Schools, were at an address on the Niagara Parkway, starting and completing a \$25,000 home renovation for a family with a nine-year-old boy named Cameron who has cerebral palsy.

Brenda Henderson, Cameron's mother, said she is amazed by the generosity of the Catholic School board for making this project possible.

"I feel like we're the lucki-

est people in the world, it's like winning the lottery," she said.

Henderson said the accessibility improvements made in the complete top to bottom renovation at their home are already making a difference.

"It's amazing what it's done for my son, helping him be a little more independent," said Henderson.

Students enrolled in the construction specialist high

skills major program at both schools could be found at the home during May and June putting in new windows, drywall, and taking care of various carpentry tasks, while working on the project.

Don DiLorenzo, LCHS principal, said the different specialist high skills programs offered to students across the school board are crucial in this day and age, for students.

"They can go into the world of work and find jobs with the skills they've learned," he said.

Students also completed a similar project in Port Colborne, earlier in the academic year, putting in new windows, drywall, and taking care of various carpentry tasks, while working on the project.

DiLorenzo, said 40 per cent of LCHS's student body is from Fort Erie, which is appropriate to help the Henderson family.

"It was important for us to do something in Fort Erie."

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All the classes against the estate of Jean Marguerite Casselman, late of the Town of Fort Erie in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, must be filed with the undersigned.

Estate Trustee on or before the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2012; thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated at Fort Erie this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012

Linda Diane Webber,  
Estates Trustee, by her Solicitor:  
Ken Hogan, HAGAN LAW FIRM  
29 Jarvis Street, P.O. Box 68,  
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KRIS DUBE Fort Erie Times

Organizers of the 22nd annual Ridgeway Summer Festival are expecting large crowds, like the ones that made last year's event such a success, this Saturday and Sunday. There will be several family-friendly activities, crafts, vendors, live music and much more. On Saturday evening, the annual Street Dance, held by the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen Club will start at 7 p.m. local rock groups Amber Reigns and Guilty Pleasures.



# Annual Summer Festival all set for this weekend

Kris Dubé  
Fort Erie Times

Now that the Friendship Festival has wrapped up for another year, the local community has another event to look forward to this weekend.

The 22nd annual Ridgeway Summer Festival will hit Ridge Road this weekend and co-ordinator Deni Sabs says there will be plenty to do for everyone.

A street dance in the evening, hosted by the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen Club, a tilt walker, a fire eater, vendors and crafts...you name it, the festival has it.

Sabs wanted to stress how much there is to do for children too.

"We have a great line-up of entertainment for the kids," she said.

She expects a crowd of over 20,000 people to visit on Saturday and Sunday, saying there is a lot of anticipation for the summer celebration from all over Niagara and surrounding areas.

"It's getting to be a very well-known event," she said.

There are many benefits to holding the festival in the downtown core of Ridgeway, according to Sabs.

It showcases the many small businesses along the way and at the same time, illustrates what the atmosphere of the village of Ridgeway is all about and causes out of town visitors to perhaps

make a day trip back to the area, a few weeks later in the summer.

"What it does, is bring people back afterwards," she said.

There will also be several community groups at the summer festival, who are giving free booth space.

There will be a car show with over 100 vehicles on display and so many more opportunities for the entire family to have a great time, she said.

"It's always evolving and we try really hard to make the entertainment family-oriented."

Sabs also wanted to take an opportunity to thank the Town of Fort Erie for its efforts with helping organizers prepare for the annual event.

"People don't realize how much they have to do, in order for us to have this festival," she said.

The Ridgeway Lioness Club will also be holding a psychic fair and wellness exposition at the summer festival.

Also, the women's service club will be hosting a séance on Saturday night at the Boutique Movie Theatre.

Lioness member Sandy Watts says those who attend the festival should be assured that the séance and psychic fair is not meant to force beliefs on people, but is simply a fun addition to the annual event.

"It's for entertainment and that's it," she said.

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car wash and a canoe raffle. Entries to win the can also be made at this weekend's Ridgeway Summer Festival.

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# Cannons sitting pretty at top of standings

No home game this Wednesday for first place baseball team

helmet" for his performance.

Adam Fowler went three for four at the plate and Matt Pine was three for five on offense.

At home on Wednesday, starter Pat "Meatball" Giampaolo and reliever Cam Hall combined on a six-hitter and the Cannons scored four runs in the sixth inning to break the 5-5 tie to get the win.

Pine went two for three at the dish and made several "dazzling" defensive plays at short stop to earn the gold helmet player of the game.

Last week, the Cannons blasted the St. Catharines Cobras 24-8 at home. Colin Chevalier, Mike D'Imarciano, Nate Walls and James MacKinnon all homered for the home side.

The next home game for the Cannons is July 18 against the Rose City Thorns, with a 7:30 p.m. start at Oakes Park.



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# Sgt. at Arms disagrees with proposal to move Cenotaph

Dear Editor,

I am writing with regards to an article concerning the moving of the Veterans Cenotaph at Mather Arch.

Firstly, I am a veteran and am strongly opposed to the proposal for a number of reasons.

Before I list my opposing reasons, I would like to point out that at no time did the executive of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71 pass a motion in support of this proposal.

The members in attendance in the photograph are elected members of the executive who have acted beyond the bounds of their authority.

I can only hope that matter will be dealt with internally.

Here are my reasons for opposing this proposal.

Costs far exceed any benefit, there is no benefit.

For seven years, I have served as Sergeant at Arms for the branch and as such have been Parade Marshal for at least 12 Decoration Day and Remembrance Day parades.

As such, I believe I should have a certain degree of expertise on the matters of which I shall outline.

Fort Erie has just put one of the most impressive parades in decades, regarding the War of 1812.

Should a large event requiring the parading of marching units, bands and the laying of wreaths at the proposed location in the future, the location would not support the event without extensive and costly renovations to the existing infrastructure.

In its present state, the public taxpayers would be greatly deprived of participating or viewing the event.

It has been intimated to me that the Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) has indicated a desire to have

the Cenotaph removed from their property. I can only hope this is "spin" to acquire further support for the proposal.

It has been my understanding that one of the NPC's mandates is the preservation of Niagara's historical military accomplishments from 1812 and

on. There seems to be no mention of other historical sites "needing removal" for security's sake.

Information provided says the Cenotaph was given to the Town of Fort Erie in 1926 by the Lions Club of Fort Erie. It is not the property of Br. 71.

Should the cenotaph

need to be relocated for whatever reason in the future, I would think it would be in the Town's best interest to obtain opinion from all interested parties such as our Airforce Association, Korean War Veteran's Association and Branch 230 and the Lions Club.

All of these groups play an active role in the Town.

Alternative representations have been made, which I believe are far less expensive and provide better functional use.

But before these are put forward, it would be better to obtain favourable opinion from all concerned

groups, from the NPC and down. For now, let's just stop this foolishness.

Fred Belton  
Sgt. At Arms

Royal Canadian Legion,  
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Dan General (DJ Shub), middle, with the two other members of his group A Tribe Called Red, (Bear Witness and Deejay NDN) will be performing at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway on Aug. 25. General is also headed to the world finals of a competition called Redbull Threestyle.

## DJ still competing at world level

Aboriginal electronic music group playing Ridgeway in August

Kris Dubé  
Fort Erie Times

Dan General started his hobby in turntablism while in high school, playing in a rap-metal band called Flushbucket.

About fifteen years later, he is getting ready to compete for a world title, for the third time in what is no longer a hobby... but a career.

In 2006 and 2007, he was crowned the Canadian Disco Mix Club (DMC) champion, advancing to

the world finals in England, two years in a row.

He placed sixth in 2006 and fifth in 2007 at the international level.

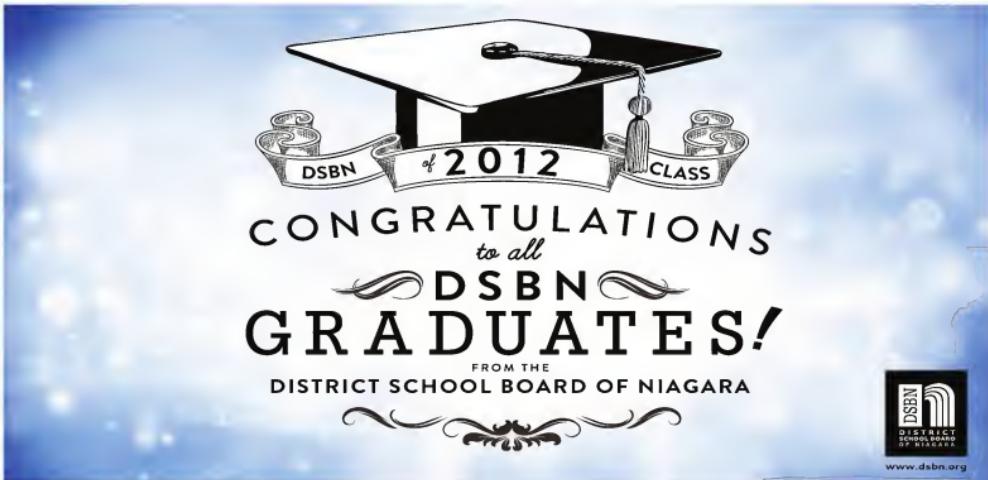
The DMC circuit has been around since the 1980's and has served as the most elite league for battle DJ's.

He took time off from going head to head with other turntablists for a few years, but now he is right back in the mix, only this time it's an entirely different competition.

General who uses the moniker DJ Shub, is gearing up for the Red Bull Threestyle world finals, being held in Chicago this September.

Shub won the Canadian finals in Toronto two months ago.

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JOHN CARRICK Submitted photo

Ridgeway resident Jarrod Maidens in action with the Ontario Hockey League's Owen Sound Attack. The 16-year-old was drafted by the Ottawa Senators less than two weeks ago.

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# Maidens drafted by Ottawa Senators

Kris Dubé  
Fort Erie Times



It was an unbelievable feeling for me and my family."

— Jarrod Maidens

It appears that Jarrod Maidens will have a career in something he has loved to do since he was a kid.

The 18-year-old Ridgeway resident has been drafted by the National Hockey League (NHL)'s Ottawa Senators, in the third round and 82nd overall.

Considering he has two years left with the Ontario Hockey League's Owen Sound Attack, he has plenty of time to develop before he enters the Senators' farm system and eventually its NHL lineup.

Hours went by as Maidens and his family sat at the recent draft in Pittsburgh and after hearing 81 young players' names called by 30 NHL teams, before his name arrived.

"It was a fun time but I didn't expect it to be so stressful," said Maidens when speaking with the Fort Erie Times this week.

At times he was confident a team would call him up to the stage and at moments he wondered if it was a wasted trip.

"You experience a lot of different emotions," said Maidens, who is a centreman.

But when he did hear his name over the speakers, it was the biggest moment of his life.

"It was an unbelievable feeling for me and my fam-

ily," he said.

Now that the rollercoaster of stress has passed, he looks forward to getting back to his team in Owen Sound. He admitted the giant step he will be taking will help with his mentality both on and off the ice, but plans to continue playing the style of game he has over the years.

"It helps your confidence, but I don't think something like this makes you play any better or worse," said Maidens.

"It's just motivation for me to keep getting better."

Last week, Maidens attended the team's development camp in Ottawa with many of the other young players recruited by the team. It was a productive learning experience for him.

"It was a great way for me to learn the system, get comfortable and get my feet wet a little bit," he said.

Maidens played 28 games in the 2011-12 season with the Owen Sound Attack and earned 23 points with 12 goals and 11 assists.

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Dated this 3rd day of July, 2012.

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Dated at Fort Erie this 26th day of June, 2012.

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## Marking your milestones.

### Announcements

### Baby's first birthday



#### Happy 1st Birthday Myley

Love, Mommy, Daddy,  
Delaney and Reagan

### Birthday greetings



#### Congratulations to Bailey and Hunter Carl

for winning many awards at the All Canadian pageant at the Friendship Festival this past weekend. Hunter won Friendship Festival King and Bailey won Friendship Festival Princess. They also won Best in Show. Hunter won best dressed. Between them they also won Best Patriotic Wear 1st and 2nd Place. Best Casual Attire 1st, Portfolio Winner 1st and 2nd, Best in Show 1st and 2nd Place, Best Costume 1st and 2nd Place. Fun Photo 1st and 2nd, and Photogenic 1st and 2nd!!  
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### Birthday greetings



#### Florence Winger Ellison is turning 95

Family and Friends are invited to an  
Open House for Florence  
Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
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#### Happy 3rd Birthday Dekin Hill

on July 11, 2012.

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### Graduations



#### Chantal Cassandra Gooderham

Has graduated from Fleming College  
on June 5, 2012 in the program in  
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Love, Aunty Elaine and Uncle Brian

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### Deaths



**DE. SIMONE, Maria** - Peacefully with her family by her side at her residence in Fort Erie on Thursday, July 5th 2012 in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Marziale Vincenzo De Simone (March 3rd 1999). Loving mother of Rose (Amaldo) Menchella, Lydia (Robert) Testa and twin (Diana) Weman. Predeceased by their son Battista Vincenzo and Elvira, her son Vincenzo and sister Angels De Simone. Loved nonna of John (Josie), Diana (Tony), Vince, Darlene (Jeff), Terry (Crystal), Darrell (Marlene), Diana (Michael), Jason, Nathan, (Diana), David, Laure (Suzanne), Eric and Matthew and great nonna of 15 great grandchildren with one on the way. The family received their friends and relatives at the HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME, 211 Wimondale Street, Fort Erie on Friday, July 6th 2012 from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Snyders on July 7th at 11:00 a.m. Rite of Committal at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fort Erie. Memorial cards available at the funeral home. On-line condolences [www.hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com](http://hammond-davidsonfuneralhome.com)

**FARADAY, Hazel Alfreda** - Born July 1, 1923 in Bowdoin, Ontario. Hazel passed away peacefully at the Maple Park Lodge in Fort Erie on July 4th, 2012 in her 94th year. Loving wife of the late Michael Faraday (1989). Cherished mother of Gregory (Denise) Faraday, M. David (Lori) Faraday and Judith E. Wolsley. Sadly missed by her son Michael (Denise) and friends. Predeceased by her sisters Edith White, Dorothy Brennan and Eileen Pratti. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family would like to thank friends and family for their support and understanding. Services will be held on Saturday, July 7th, from 11:00 until time of service at 1 p.m. in the Benner Chapel with Reverend Mark Gladding officiating. Cremation will follow. Donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church would be appreciated by the family.

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# Niagara Hawks' regular season winding down

Minor lacrosse appreciation night to be held on July 15 at Leisureplex

The Niagara Hawks Senior 'B' lacrosse team is winding down for the regular season and getting ready for playoffs.

The last two games will be held on July 13 and 15 at the Leisureplex.

On the 13th, they will

face the Tonawanda Braves and on the 15th will take on the Onondaga Redhaws.

During the final game of the season, the men's lacrosse team will host an appreciation day for minor lacrosse in Greater Fort Erie. Minor players will be admitted for free and on July 15 there will be a number of prizes to be won such as a \$500 two-night stay at the Seneca Niagara Casino.

Both games start at 8:30 p.m.

## Fort Erie's Fastest Kid



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Eleven-year-old Olivia Galas is one of eight girls under 12-years-old who will be competing to be the fastest kid in Ontario, at a provincial competition in Toronto on July 11. A member of Niagara Regional Athletics, she won the 100-metre event with a time of 14.36, advancing to next week's event.

## Hot dogs to help dogs



On Friday, Beatties Basics held a BBQ to benefit the Fort Erie SPCA. Serving many people who stopped by were Shannon Ball, left, Kathy Annett, Heather Bursey, Stan Bursey, Wendy Trombley and Mark Dickson

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## Getting back into 'battle mode' not difficult for Shub

From Page 14

He says preparation for battle mode comes easily, even though he last found himself in this setting five years ago before this competition started.

"It's like riding a bicycle. You never forget."

The Red Bull Threestyle tournament is based more on the collaboration of various musical genres, unlike the former competition he excelled in.

"It's not all based on technical skills, like the DMGs were," said General.

About two years ago, General moved to Gatineau, QC, with his son James and french-speaking partner Julie.

He is only a stones throw away from a thriving music scene in Ottawa. In the area and all over Canada and parts of the U.S., Shub and his colleagues in a Tribe Called Red, an all aboriginal electronic music group, has been receiving a tidal wave of attention.

He says performing regularly for large crowds helps with getting ready for the week's world final in September.

"It makes it a lot easier."

On Aug. 25, Shub and the rest of A Tribe Called Red will perform at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway.

He's played all over the continent and parts of Europe, but is really looking forward to this one.

"I can't wait to show the guys my hometown and I'm really looking forward to the afterparty," he said.

Fort Erie Times editor Kris Dubé played also drums in Flushbucket, the band Shub played in during high school, along with an instrumental rock band called Turbo Weapons that formed in 2006 and disbanded shortly after.



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